

FAMISHED RUSSIANS ARE RESORTING TO CANNIBALISM

People Are Eating the Bodies of Their Dead—Graves of Fam-
ine Victims Guarded Until Bodies Have Decomposed—
Mothers, Maddened by Privations, Are Cutting the
Throats of Their Babes.

Riga, Dec. 28. (By the A. P.)—The first official report of cannibalism in the famine districts of Russia has been made to the All-Russian Soviet congress by the delegate Osvienko of Samara, according to the official Russian News Agency dated Moscow.

"At Ramirovskoye the parish people are eating the bodies of their dead," Osvienko said. "The congress is dangerous to bury the famine victims in the presence of the people and guards must

be stationed, granddaughter of General

Lucas, speaking, she said, for the American Central Committee for Russian Relief at the forum of the national council for the limitation of armament here today, urged that relief be granted in the form of foodstuffs and medicine. She appealed, she said, "as an American citizen, for the Russian refugees, because of help which Russia has given the United States at more than one critical

be kept over them till this year in a state that makes eating impossible." Ovenskoin said that Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, who was president of the international committee of Russian relief, even though a hardened explorer, returned to Moscow sickened by the scenes he witnessed in the stricken districts. The speaker said that children are being taken to the Steppes and left there to die; that mothers, maddened by their experience, cut the throats of their babies.

At the beginning of January, continued Ovenskoin, the soviets, with only their outside aid, will be able to feed only half the starving children and only one-twentieth of the adults. The rest of the people would have to die while awaiting help.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Princess Can-

Princess Cantuarvna said a letter which she said had come to her recently from an aged soldier who fought under her grandfather, in which the writer said:

"I am glad that little Julia Grant is doing something for the refugees of Russia, because I remember once sitting with your grandfather in camp, when we were ordered to leave in the prospect of the war and there came a man just then news that a Russian fleet was in the harbor of New York offering support to Lincoln."

The admiral of that fleet, the princess said, is now nearly 50 years old and with his wife are refugees. It was only recently, she said, that the committee was able to give them aid.

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| PROCEEDINGS IN THE PELLETIER MISCONDUCT TRIAL | MRS. EDITH ROCKEFELLER WIDOW OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER |
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Boston, Dec. 28.—The case of Miss Dorothy Cate, alleged to have been

Rockefeller McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller today obtained a divorce from Harold F. McCormick what was said to be a record time Chicago courts. Only fifty minutes elapsed from the time Mrs. McCormick

attorney after threatening the prosecution, dropped his proceedings when Miss Cote withdrew a civil suit in which she was McCallum's client. Attorney General Allen has charged that Pelletier by improper methods assisted Daniel H. Coakley, a Boston attorney, to get this case thrown out of court. Pelletier filed her bill until the decree was signed by Judge Charles A. McDonald.

Mrs. McCormick appeared in court 10:50 o'clock and filed her bill which merely charged her husband of deceased. She was called to the witness stand on May 27, 1918, in Zurich, Switzerland. A few minutes later she testified that she was married to

McCallum testified that Miss Cota retained him in December, 1917, to obtain possession of an automobile which she said had been given her by Guy W. Lawrence, of Gardiner, Me., on which an automobile company was withholding from her. He said he was proceeding

with a suit for conversion of the car when he received a telephone call from District Attorney Peltier, who told him that Coakley, representing Mr. Lawrence, had asked him to investigate efforts to blackmail Mr. Lawrence. The district attorney suggested, the witness said, that he should call Coakley to sustain the bill. She testified that she was married in 1895, that Mr. McCormick left her in Zurich in 1915 without reason and that he had since failed to provide for her.

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said, that they had a conference over the matter.

McCallum said he aided his client if there were any basis for the information Pelletier had received from Coakley and she assured him there were no grounds for action against her. Later, the witness said, Pelletier told him he had been

she was with Mrs. McCormick in Zurich and knew of the desertion and similar testimony was given by Miss E. Bolton who told Mr. McCormick's departure from Zurich. Attorneys for the defense waived the right to cross-examine witnesses. Mrs. McCormick and her party immediately left the court room.

By this time, McCallum and Miss Cote had become worried and when one of her girl friends received a summons to appear before the grand jury, she became

hysterical and wanted to drop her suit. Miss Cote insisted that the suit be dropped and paid a visit to Coakley. McCatlam said he washed his hands of the whole affair and never again talked with Pelletier. He said, however, that Miss Cote never had been indicted.

**NO DIRECTORS IN THE
FRENCH PARLIAMENT**

Paris, Dec. 28.—Eleven senators and thirteen deputies will have to give up either their seats in parliament or their

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson was today deluged with telegrams from all over the world on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday at his home here. It was tonight that the telegrams were of congratulatory nature on the imple-

positions as directors of corporations if a resolution in the chamber of deputies is carried out, according to the newspaper L'Euvreur. The resolution forbids members of parliament from accepting places on directorates.

Among the senators linked by L'Euvreur are Roger Deneux, president of the

are Paul Doumer, minister of finance; Frederick Francois Marsal, former minister of finance; Pierre Marraud, minister of interior, and Andre Berthelot, former president of the Industrial Bank of China and a brother of Philippe Berthelot, who resigned on Monday as general secretary of the foreign office. Among the deputies

ties named are Maurice de Rothschild and Charles Dumont, former minister of finance.

M. Marraud has resigned as a director of the Indo-Chinese bank, it is announced.

**BOY LOSES LEFT ARM
IN HUNTING ACCIDENT**

**TO HAVE BODY EXHUMED
FOR EXAMINATION**

Providence, R. I., Dec. 28.—Assistant Attorney General Capotosto today decided to have the body of Elsie B. McCaw, step-daughter of Mrs. Ruth A. Mc-

Caw of Bristol, exhumed, for examination to determine if her death was natural or due to poisoning. Mr. Capotosto's decision was reached following the receipt of a report from the police authorities, who have been investigating the past week the alleged administering of

poison, to her step-son, Leon E. McCaw
last summer with intent to kill. She is
being held on that charge in \$10,000. In-
vestigation of this case disclosed the fact
that the cause of Elsie's death was un-
known. During the past 24 hours the
police authorities interviewed many Brit-
ish subjects in the city.

**PRINCE OF WALES OPENED
THE VICTORIAN MEMORIAL**

Calcutta, Dec. 28.—(By The A. P.)—Amid scenes of great splendor and in the presence of enthusiastic crowds, the Prince of Wales today opened the Victorian Memorial, dedicated to the Queen Empress Victoria, whose memory is held

The building is in the form of a vast marble palace and is of rare architectural beauty. It required fifteen years to erect it. The building comprises a museum, commemorated to India's glory. It

contains portraits of the old emperors of Delhi and of the famous men who labored for India during the Victorian era.

The ceremony today was carried out in full state. The prince of Wales drove from the government house with an escort of guns and cavalry.
